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Dear Chairman Genachowski and members of the FCC,

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I write in support of AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA. This will be a win/win for workers, consumers and broadband proponents alike.


For nearly 40,000 current T-Mobile workers, AT&T ownership will result in better representation and rights at work. AT&T management's record of full neutrality towards union membership will create a stronger bargaining voice and the ability to bargain over wages, benefits and employment security.

For broadband proponents and consumers in the United States, the acquisition means that T-Mobile customers will get quick access to the AT&T network. This is the quickest way to expand high-speed networks through LTE or data speeds of more than 10 megabits down stream. Both companies use the same network technology, making integration simpler for customer service representatives and technicians. Additionally, AT&T's commitment to build-out broadband in nearly every part of the U.S. within six years will be a key stimulus for economic development and help put the U.S. back on the track to international competitiveness.

The potential sale of T-Mobile to Sprint would have joined incompatible networks, forcing a technological rebuild and requiring new phones for current T-Mobile customers. Moreover, Sprint has a history of outsourcing operations, especially in customer service and tech work and shares T-Mobile USA's strong opposition to worker self-organization.

The potential benefits to broadband speed and build-out, economic development and workers rights must be central factors in your deliberations on this acquisition.

I urge you to approve the proposed acquisition.


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